

Battalion of workers form voters lists

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Enumerators for Halton-Burlington are off and running.

If you're greeted by two people carrying clipboards, don't turn them away.

By Thursday names of eligible voters have to be collected for the returning officer Don McMillan.

He's responsible for training 412 enumerators and making sure things run smoothly for the estimated 206 polling booths in the Halton-Burlington riding.

Headquarters for the returning officer is 243 Main St. in Milton in the Old Milton Post Office.

Mr. McMillan says the number of eligible voters could reach 65,000 for the riding. In the 1981 election there were 53,199 eligible to vote, but only 29,965 exercised that right, he said.

A list of enumerators has been supplied by the three main political parties in the Halton-Burlington riding. Mr. McMillan instructed the enumerators in groups of 40 Saturday, showing a film and outlining the procedures that must be followed.

It's been a bit of a rush to have the enumerators complete their task by Thursday, Mr. McMillan said.

However, he said it was necessary because the Easter weekend forced the chief elections officer to move the completion date ahead.

Enumerators are paid a flat rate of \$45 for their efforts plus \$18 for attending a training session and 35 cents for the number of names they collect.

Mr. McMillan said the polls can be as large as 400 before they are split up into two, but the average number for each polling station should be around 300 voters.

Acton has 16 polling stations while Georgetown has 43 although that figure may change based on the number of names collected.

The enumerating job is all done by hand and there's only one riding, in Toronto, that is experimenting with using a computer to help speed up the process, Mr. McMillan said.

Voter's lists will be posted in urban areas Friday, but rural areas won't have posted lists.

Voting cards will be sent out to eligible voters around the middle of April telling where they vote, Mr. McMillan said.

If you haven't been put on the voter's list, you have until April 18 to contact the election returning office. Their number is 878-2335.

After April 18 you can get a "certificate to vote" that allows you to be registered for voting until the day before the May 2 election.

There are 124 election return officers in Ontario co-ordinating their own battalion of workers.

Mr. McMillan is an old hand as an election officer, having worked in the 1967 election, handling the duties for the riding of Halton-West.

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Surrounded by party faithful, Halton-Burlington candidate Peter Pomeroy knew he was among friends. Friday night his fellow Progressive Conservatives attended a fund-raising dinner to kick-off his campaign for election in the May 2 contest. Seen here are (left to right) Oakville MPP Jim Snow, Peter Pomeroy, hockey lawyer Alan Eagleson and Mississauga North MP Dr. Robert Horner.

(Herald photo)

PC candidate Pomeroy

Sets record straight at fundraiser opening

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Peter Pomeroy set the record straight Friday night.

The Halton-Burlington Progressive Conservative candidate told over 150 of his supporters why he jumped into the provincial political arena so quickly.

At a \$125 per plate fundraiser at North Halton Golf and Country Club, Mr. Pomeroy said he realized when he was mayor of Halton Hills that "many answers came from provincial politics."

Mr. Pomeroy was mayor of Halton Hills for five years and has been regional chairman of Halton since November '83.

He said that as a full time mayor there were many problems that couldn't be tackled because the province had responsibility for them.

His tenure as regional chairman allowed him to gain necessary experience in understanding the link between provincial and regional governments, he said.

With fellow PC John McDermid re-elected as Brampton-Georgetown's MP, there needs to be a Conservative representing the area in Toronto, he said.

Mr. Pomeroy told the partisan crowd that he would do a respectable job and be a hard worker as their MPP.

"We have to make sure when the political pie is cut next time Halton-Burlington gets its share," the candidate said.

Mr. Pomeroy outlined the record of the Halton Region, noting people wanted tax cuts from property taxes and this year the rate increase is only a 3.8 per cent.

Halton Region has a triple A credit rating, proving its financial stability and strength, he said.

On the local level he said, "I'm committing myself to serving

problems in Acton and Georgetown." Lack of sewage and water facilities has been a stumbling block to growth in both communities.

He also said that he'll support Milton mayor Gord Krantz and his town's discussions with the Ontario Waste Management Corporation.

Mr. Pomeroy said he won't give 100 reasons why a problem can't be tackled. "I'll take a positive approach," he said.

Mr. Pomeroy pledged his support for principles of free enterprise, "but most of all I give my commitment to you..." he told his audience.

He thanked his dinner guests for their financial support and asked them to help in the campaign as well.

It's nonsense when the Liberals claim the PCs spent the money while the Grits have all the manpower, he said.

The candidate promised his campaign won't consist of mudslinging or yelling, just talk about his future and the future of Halton-Burlington.

A host of prominent Progressive Conservatives joined Mr. Pomeroy for the evening. From the provincial cabinet there was Bud Gregory (Revenue), George McCague (Transportation and Communications) and Jim Snow (Urban Transit).

MPs attending were John McDermid (PC Brampton-Georgetown) and Dr. Robert Horner (PC Mississauga North).

A special guest speaker was Alan Eagleson, a prominent hockey lawyer and friend of local car dealer Baz Cutler.

Introducing Mr. Eagleson and putting on a Charlie Farguason imitation for about twenty minutes was Hornby resident Irene Saunders.

Oakville MPP Jim Snow made a few remarks to the crowd after receiving an appreciation award from former Halton-Burlington PC candidate Fran Baines.

Candidate Doug Hamilton

NDP budget to triple

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The Halton-Burlington NDP campaign budget will triple from the 1981 election.

Candidate Doug Hamilton said a budget of \$10,000 was approved by the riding association executive last Wednesday.

For the 1981 election \$5,000 was budgeted for expenses but considerably less was actually spent, he said.

The campaign team have put together their strategy for the weeks before the election, Mr. Hamilton said.

Everyone in the riding will get at least one piece of literature about the candidate and the NDP.

At least a half of the riding will receive a second piece of literature later in the campaign, he said.

The NDP will be running their campaign out of four offices, representing Georgetown, Acton,

Milton and Burlington.

In Acton the headquarters is at 201 Lakeview Ave., the home of Sharon and Al Foster.

In Georgetown an office has been set up at 53 Byron St. Phone numbers for both headquarters have yet to be confirmed.

The Halton-Burlington NDP also have a mailing address at P.O. Box 106, Norval, L0P 1K0.

By the end of the week the Georgetown, Acton and Milton campaign offices will be fully operational, Mr. Hamilton said.

Tom Moore from Burlington is the campaign manager while Acton's Al Foster is his associate.

Mr. Hamilton had hoped to get an early jump on the campaign by going door to door, but he was delayed in Toronto Saturday with picking up material and supplies for the election.

He says there is a mood of optimism in the

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ELECTION NOTES

All candidates meet?

The organization of an all-candidates' meeting in town has traditionally been the job of the Jaycees.

Jaycee president Doug Penrice said he's sure the service club will put one on.

"It's just a matter of someone coming forward to be chairman of it," Mr. Penrice told The Herald. "If we can get somebody to go ahead and organize it, I'm sure we will (have one)."

The Jaycees were to meet last night (Tuesday) after The Herald went to press.

Hasn't been cakewalk

It hasn't always been a cakewalk for Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed. In the three elections that he won, Mr. Reed defeated his Progressive Conservative candidate by less than 520 votes on two occasions.

In 1975 the NDP candidate William Johnson collected 6,567 votes; PC candidate Gary Dawkins received 10,535 while Mr. Reed won with 10,996 votes. The Liberal MPP won his first election with 39 per cent of the vote and by 463 ballots.

In 1977 William Johnson for the NDP slipped to 5,598 votes while PC candidate George Gray collected 10,287. Julian Reed won the election with 13,985 votes. He won handily by some 3,698 ballots.

The 1981 election was a different story. The NDP candidate Chris Cutler received 3,500 votes, Fran Baines for the PCs had 12,877 and Julian Reed for the Liberals collected 13,395 votes. The incumbent was returned by a 518 vote margin.

Song boosts Grits

Julian Reed got in a bit of his own style of Tory bashing at Monday's Liberal party nomination meeting for the Halton-Burlington riding.

Asked to entertain by party president Al Wilson, while Liberal supporters waited for provincial leader David Peterson to make an appearance, Mr. Reed was quick to respond with his banjo.

"Now it's time to go to work for the first time in ten years. I can't believe it," he quipped.

The lyrics, which Mr. Reed wrote himself, were accompanied by his banjo playing and were of a pro-Liberal, anti-Tory nature.

An upbeat, political campaign booster, the lyrics were the dominant aspect of the song depicting what Mr. Reed obviously hopes will be the outcome of the election.

Tories singled out

It was a night to celebrate the candidacy of Pete Pomeroy and raise money for his campaign, but that wasn't all.

Friday at the North Halton Golf and Country Club Progressive Conservative party supporters of Halton-Burlington used the night as a kick-off to the May 2 election.

There was a lot of Tory back-slapping. Ab Tennant was presented with a gift for his many years of service to the local PC party. Mr. Tennant was also singled out by Mr. Pomeroy for his work in helping to build a nursing home for Georgetown.

Oakville MPP Jim Snow received a gift from former Halton-Burlington candidate Fran Baines. Mrs. Baines herself received a framed print from Peter Pomeroy who thanked her for serving the riding association so devotedly.

McDermid flying high

Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid can't be afraid of heights. He was attending the Progressive Conservative fund-raising dinner for Peter Pomeroy and won a trip in an open cockpit airplane.

A draw was offered for a free flight around Georgetown courtesy of Ric Morrow, an Air Canada pilot and the dinner chairman.

Mr. McDermid gleefully accepted, saying he'd been wanting a ride from Mr. Morrow for many years.

Eagleson says PCs always in renewal state

Alan Eagleson set aside hockey anecdotes long enough to remind Tory supporters why he thinks the Progressive Conservatives have stayed in power so long.

"Our party is traditionally in a state of renewal. That's why we've won for so long," he told dinner guests at a PC fundraiser Friday.

The prominent hockey lawyer and Canada Cup organizer said leaders like George Drew, John Roberts and Bill Davis have all had the same philosophy. Each leader knew when it was time to step down and let new blood revitalize the provincial party, he said.

"It's the survival of the best, not the fittest," he said. Frank Miller as the new premier of Ontario is a young 57 and he'll rule for the next 10 years, Mr. Eagleson said.

After the final balloting at the PC leadership convention all Conservatives were firmly behind their leader, he said. "Frank Miller doesn't brag, he does the peace-keeping."

Mr. Eagleson took a few swipes at NDP leader Bob Rae and Liberal leader David Peterson.

"Bob Rae said he wants to create 100,000 jobs in one year. But at the height of our recession Bill Davis created 350,000 jobs. That's a net loss of 250,000 jobs," he said.

He praised the Halton Region government for recently receiving a triple A credit rating and the signs of growth revealed by an increase of building permits.

Mr. Eagleson said he came to the dinner to support the Halton-Burlington PC candidate Peter Pomeroy and because he is friends with car dealership owner Baz Cutler.

He ended his talk as guest speaker referring to his beloved hockey.

The lawyer mentioned how he first met Bobby Orr's father and how a talk with Bob Pulford about his contract led to his interest in representing players.

CORRECTION

In our flyer, dated April 2nd to April 6th, on page 12 — The Velcro Closure Joggers are not available. Substitutes will be given.

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